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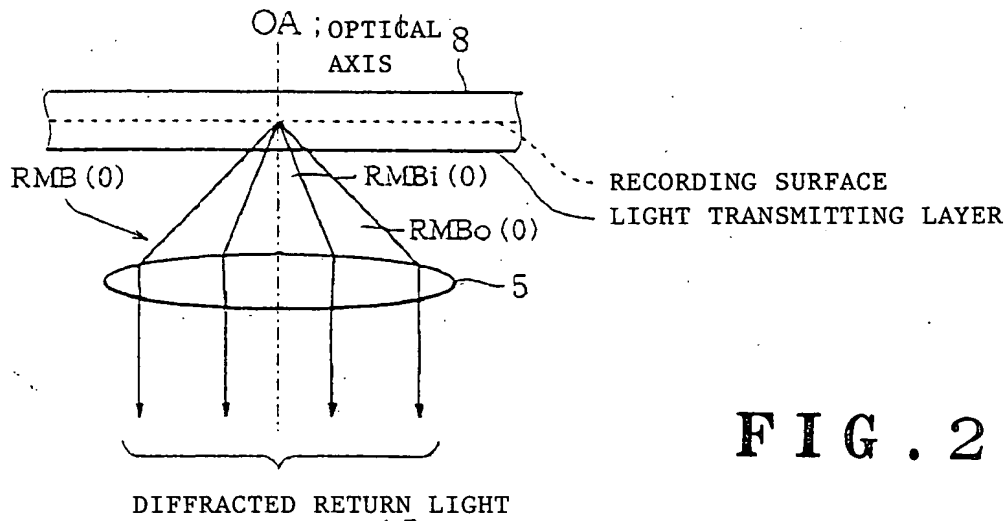


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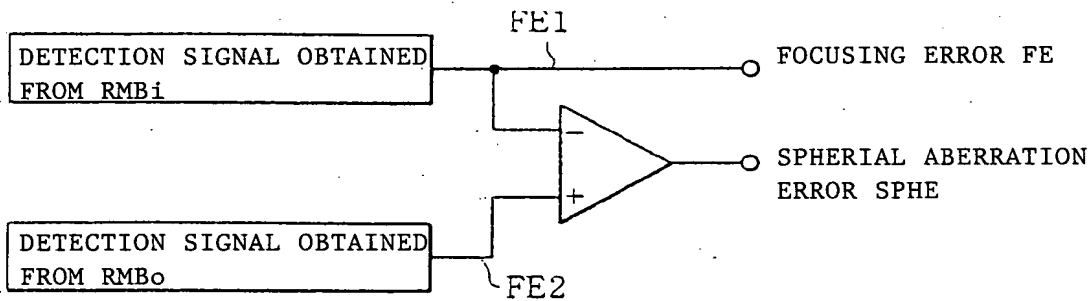
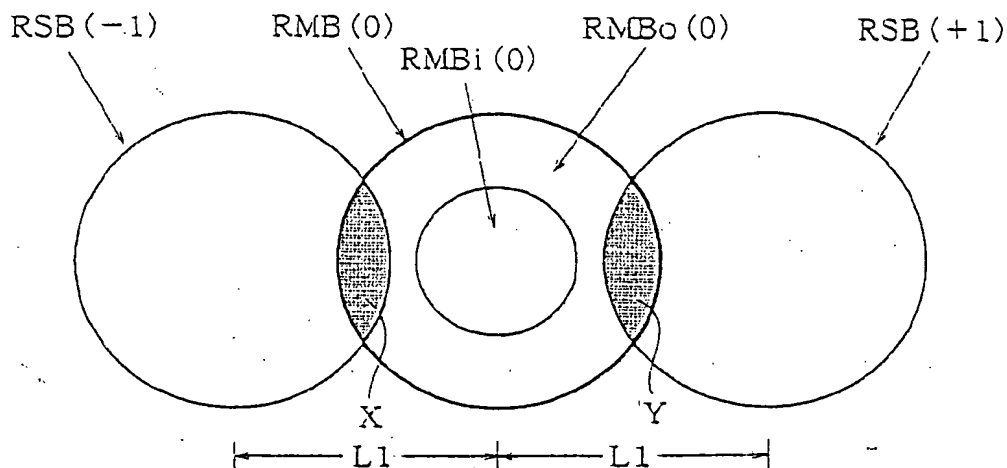


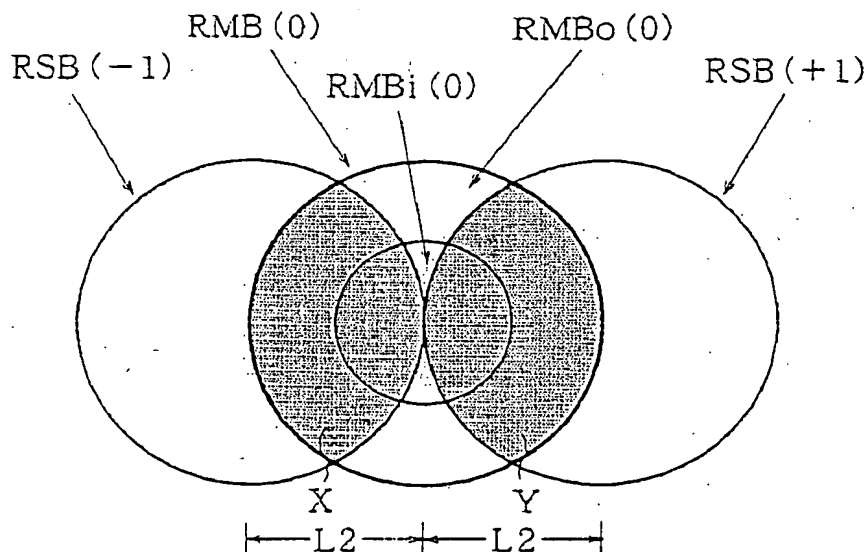
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FIG. 4



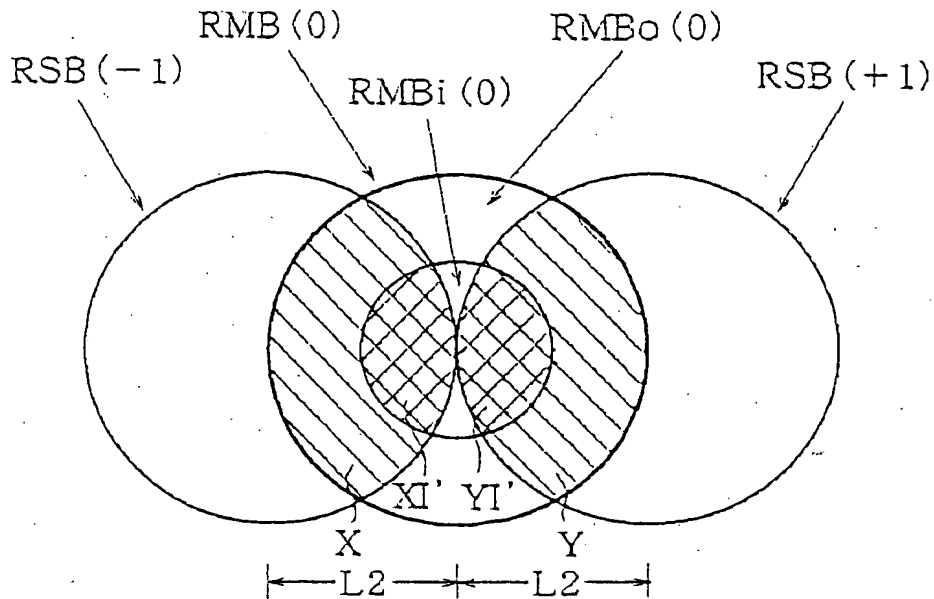
POSITIONAL RELATION BETWEEN THE 0-TH ORDER LIGHT AND THE  $\pm 1$  PRIMARY DIFFRACTED LIGHT WHEN THE NUMERICAL APERTURE NA IS SMALL IN THE IN-FOCUS STATE OR WHEN THE TRACK PITCH TP IS SMALL IN THE IN-FOCUS STATE.  
 RMB(0): 0-TH ORDER LIGHT, RMBi(0): INNER RADIUS LIGHT, RMBo(0): OUTER RADIUS LIGHT, RSB(-1): -1 PRIMARY DIFFRACTED LIGHT, RSB(+1): +1 PRIMARY DIFFRACTED LIGHT



POSITIONAL RELATION BETWEEN THE 0-TH ORDER LIGHT AND THE  $\pm 1$  PRIMARY DIFFRACTED LIGHT IN A CASE WHERE THE NUMERICAL APERTURE NA IS LARGE IN THE IN-FOCUS STATE OR IN A CASE WHERE THE TRACK PITCH TP IS LARGE IN THE IN-FOCUS STATE.

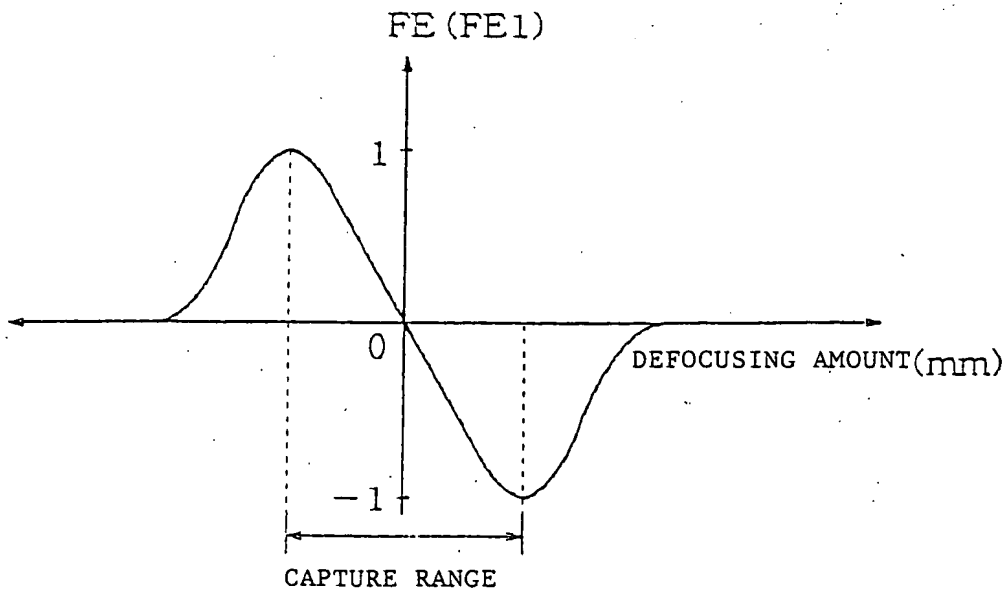
FIG. 5

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POSITIONAL RELATION BETWEEN THE 0-TH ORDER LIGHT AND THE  
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 APERTURE NA IS LARGE AND IN THE DEFOCUSING STATE, OR  
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 STATE.

**FIG. 6**



**FIG. 7**

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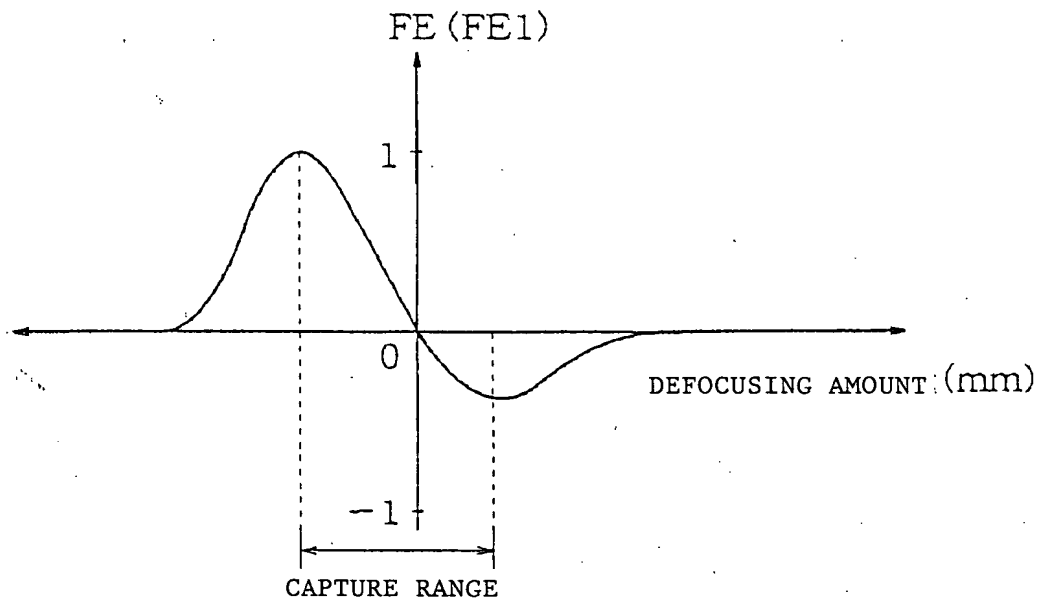
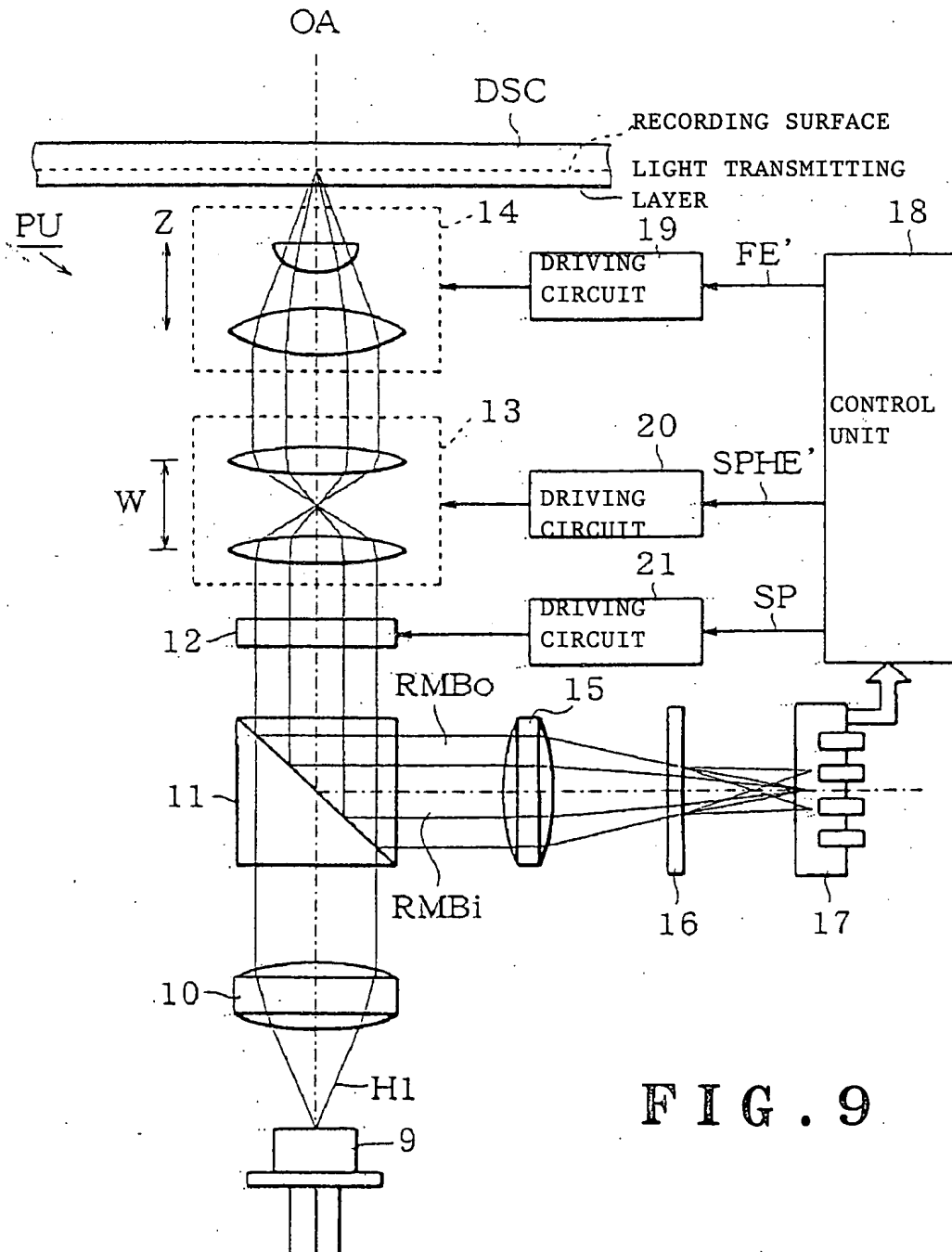


FIG. 8

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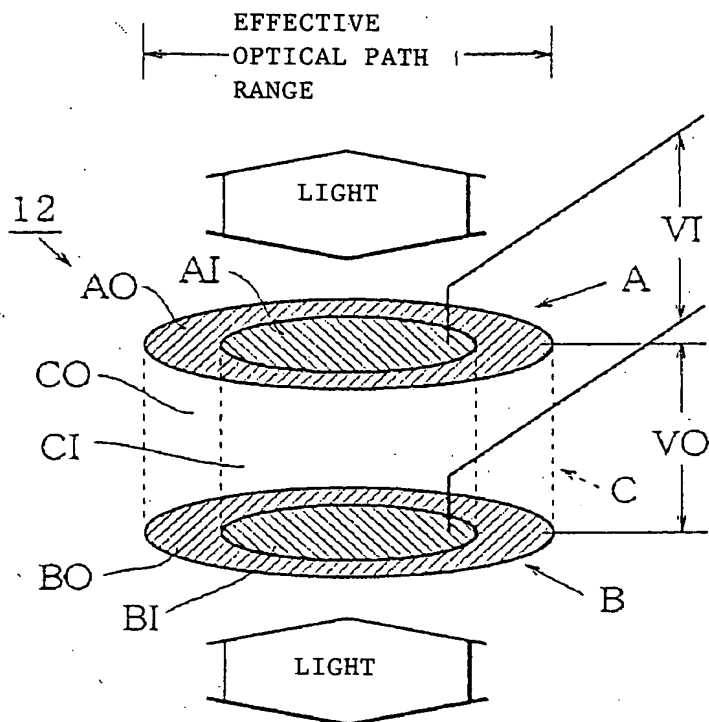


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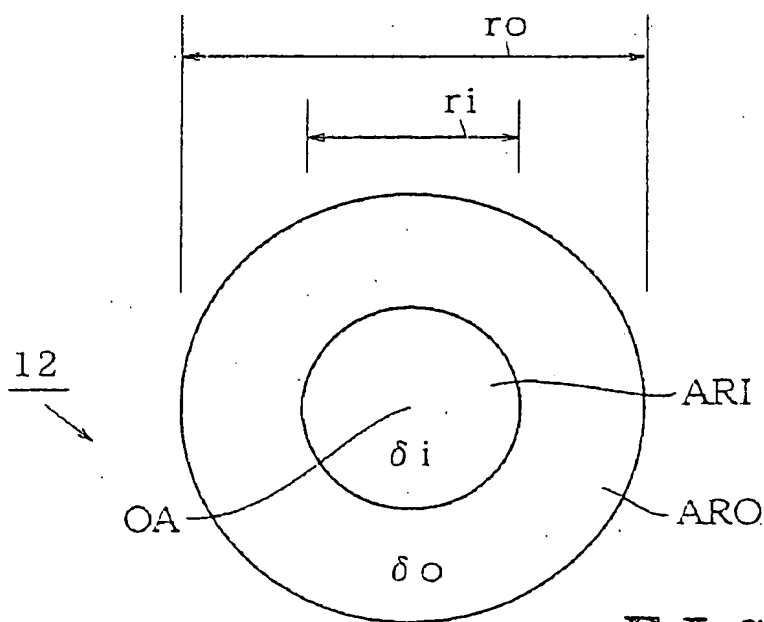


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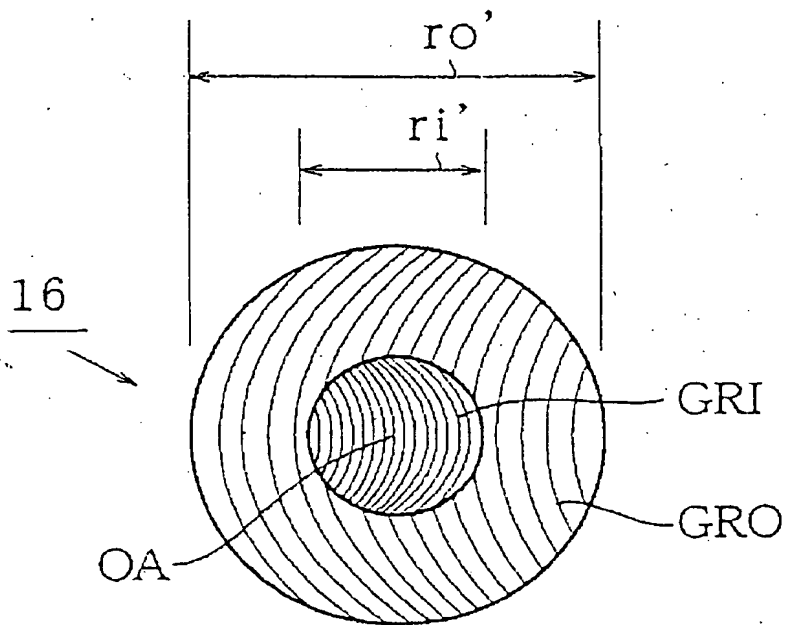


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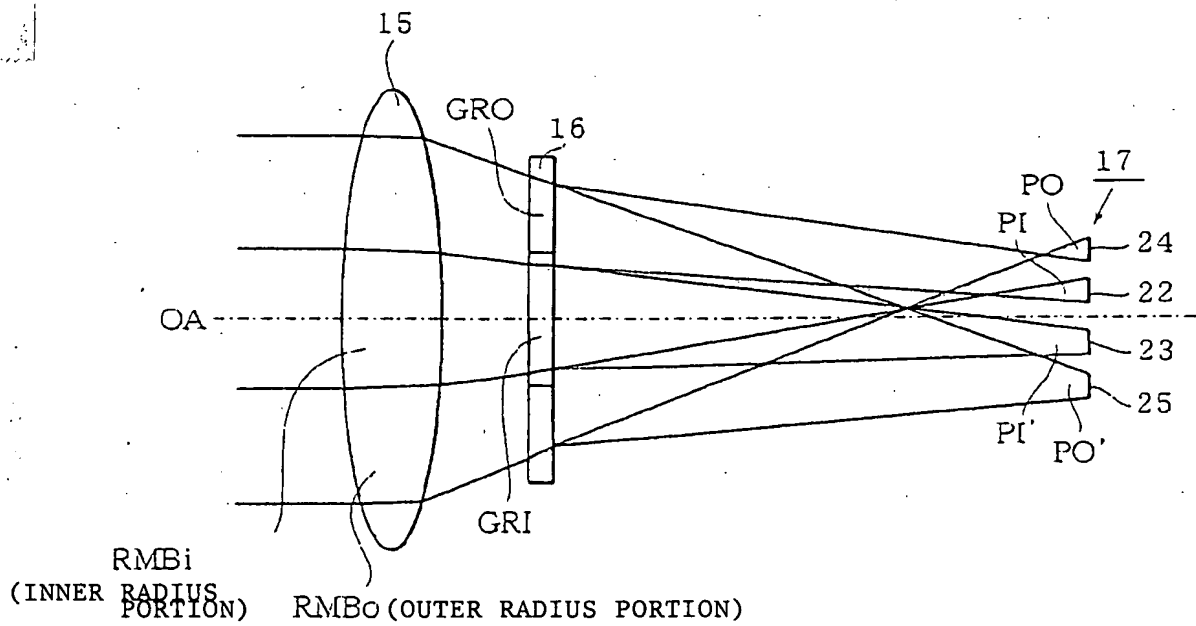


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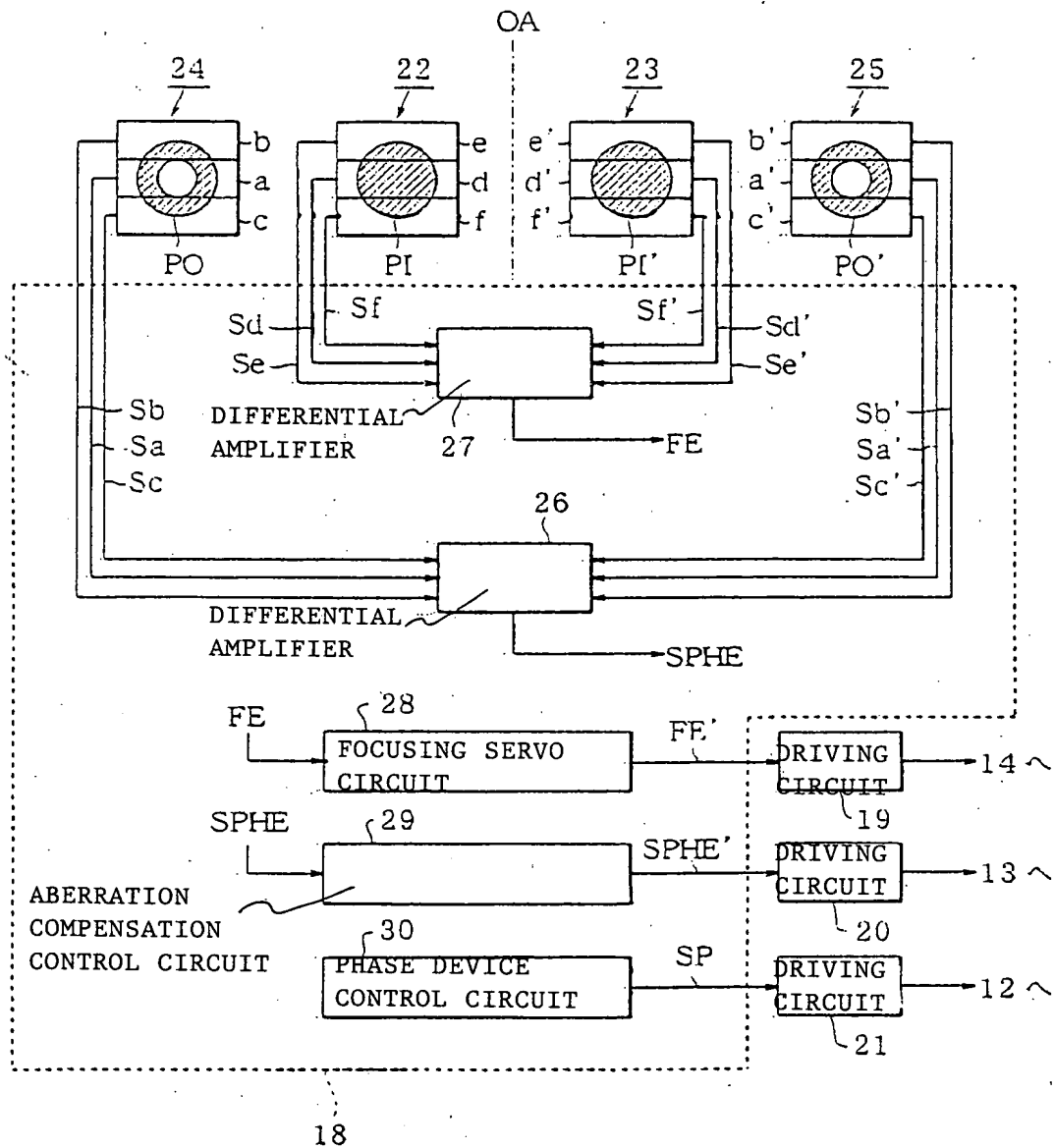


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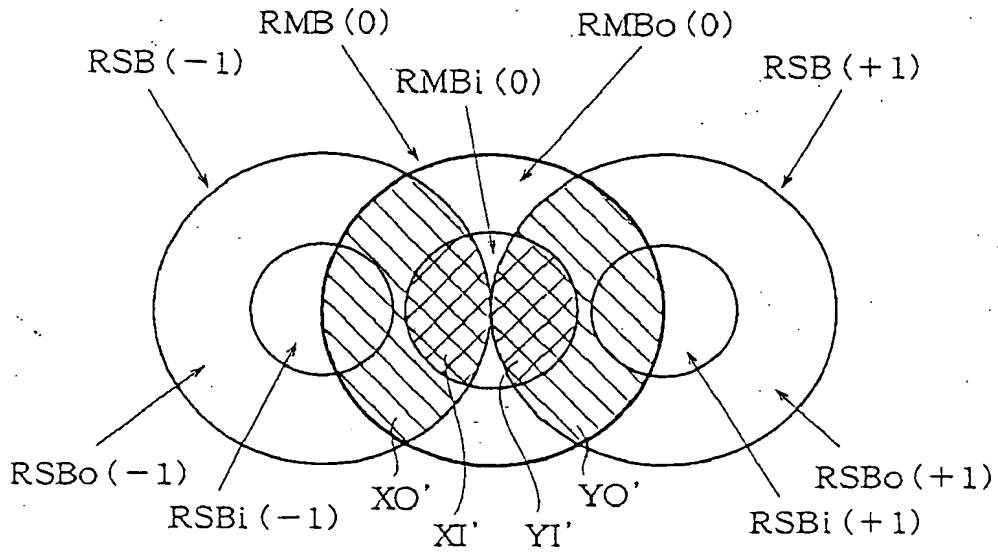


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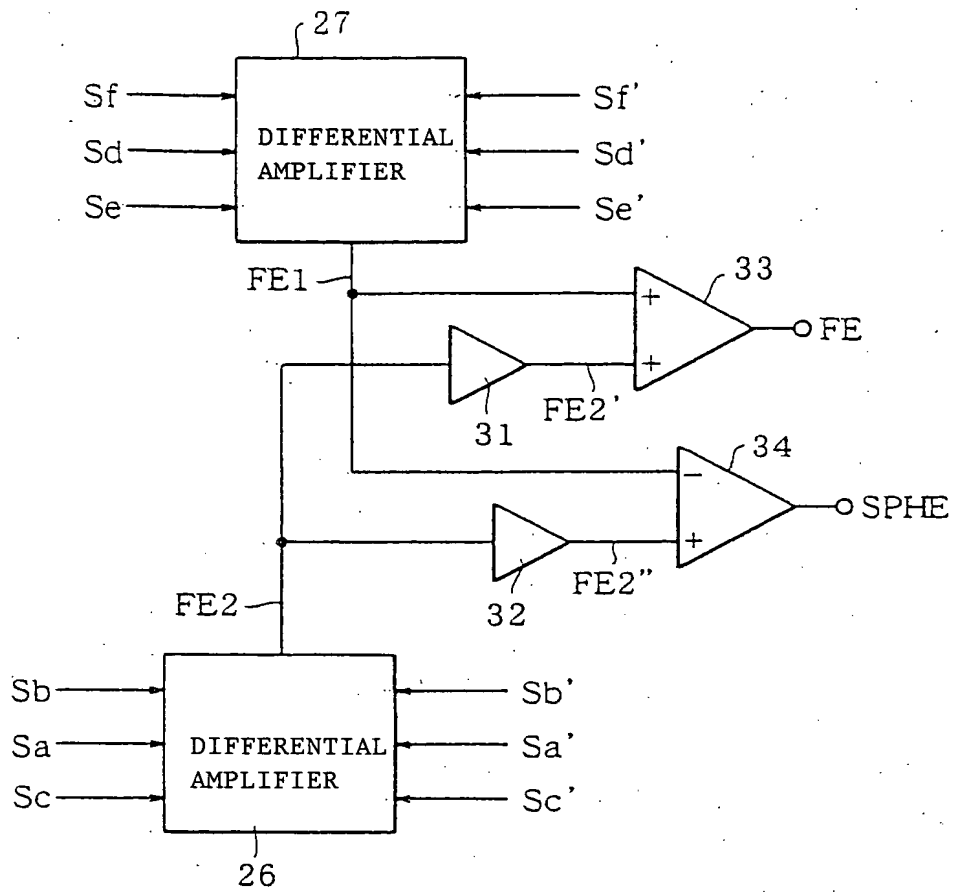


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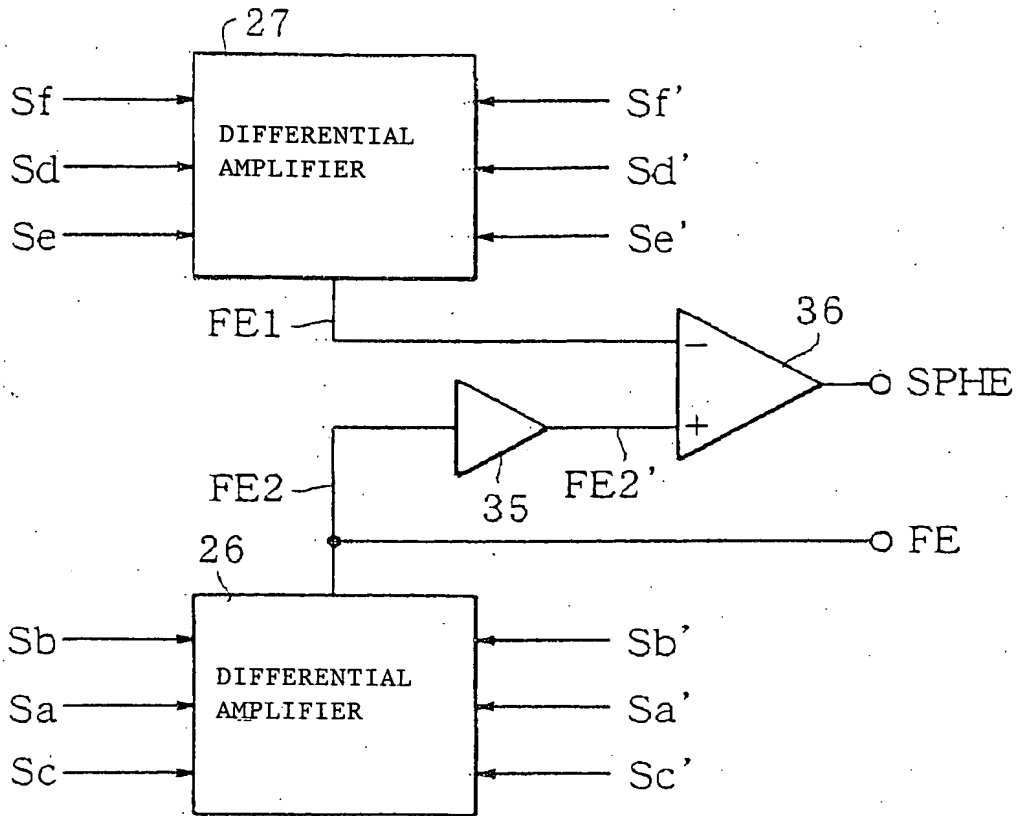


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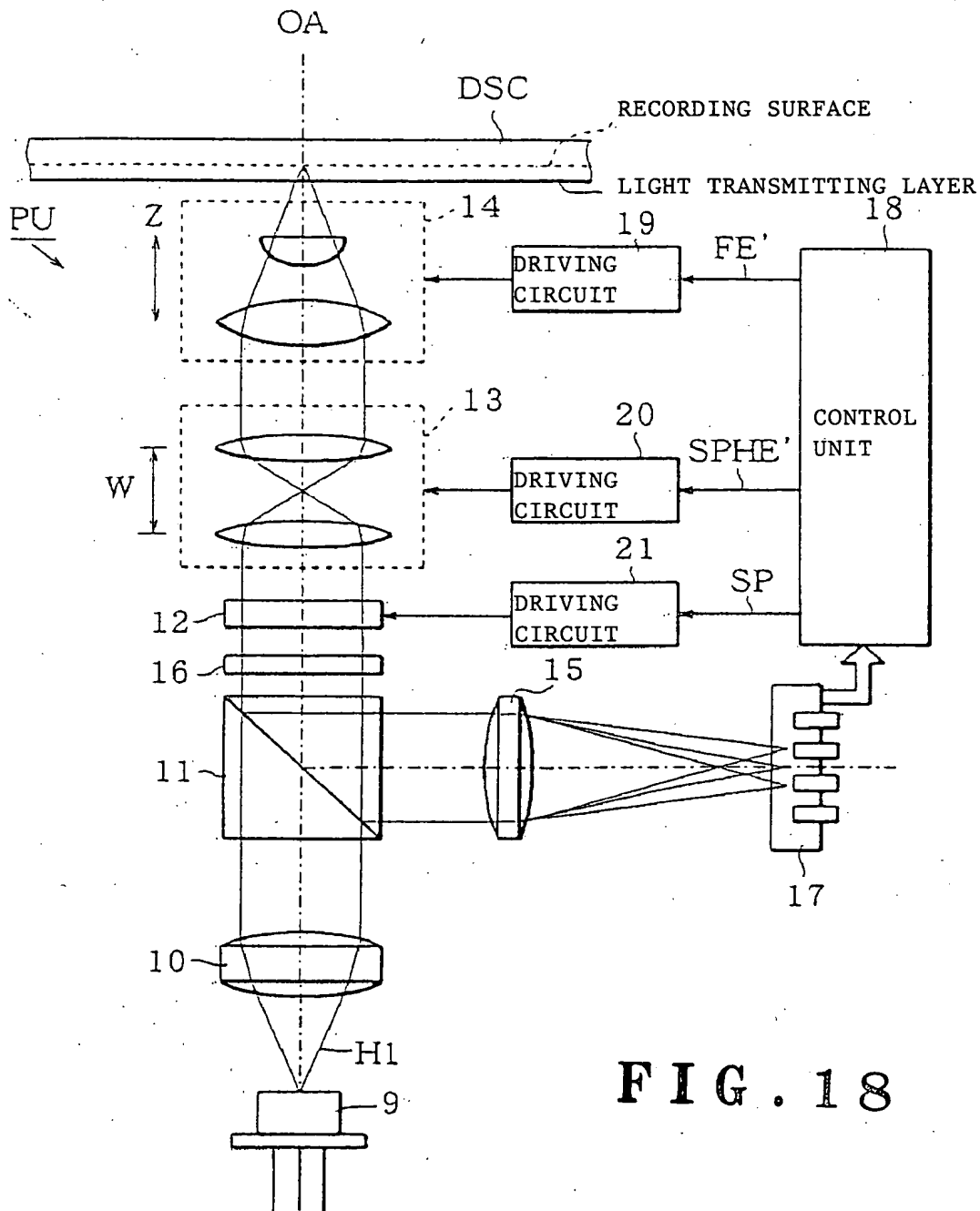


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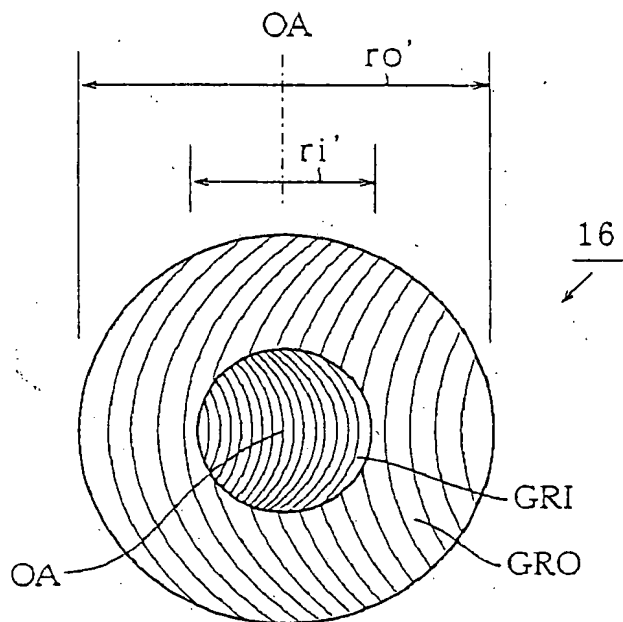


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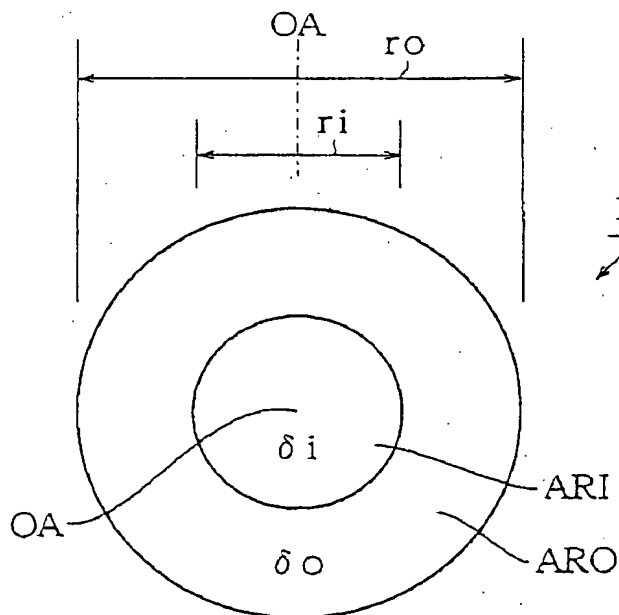


FIG. 20